

# SPRING STREET LINK

October 26, 2015

We're grateful to our parents, teachers, and community members for providing numerous opportunities for our students to participate in fun, enriching, and rewarding experiences before, during, and after our school day.

Opportunities students have had include before school 'Math Clubs', Math Olympiad, Chess Club, Young Rembrandts, STEM classes, and beginning on Wednesday the After School Activity Program that will be offering iMovie and Travel the World classes. More than 60 students are participating in our Chess Club, over 30 students in STEM, numerous 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are taking part in enriching math experiences via Math Olympiad, and many students are participating in Young Rembrandts. Additionally, in this newsletter information can be found about our first community service projects where students will be collecting and donating candy to give to St. Anne's Pantry to be used to supplement Thanksgiving baskets that will be provided to local families in need as well raising funds to support the Ellie Fund .

Our school day provides many opportunities for students' growth academically, socially, and emotionally. We are very appreciative to our parents, teachers, and community member for enhancing this experience by facilitating these enriching experiences. Without their generosity these opportunities would not occur, thank you!

## **Food Policy Reminder**

Many classrooms will be having fall parties this week. Just a reminder, your child is welcome to bring in a snack for them to enjoy during this time. Unfortunately, due to life-threatening food allergies, food of any type including candy cannot be shared in school. We appreciate your cooperation.

## **Winter Clothing for Andy's Attic**

During the month of October, the Community Service Learning Advisory board at the high school has been sponsoring a collection of winter clothing for Andy's Attic: gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, jackets and boots for all age children. Andy's Attic is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides new and gently used clothing to disadvantaged high school teens and their families and was created in memory of Andy Reese, a member of the SHS class of 2012. All donations can be dropped off in a box in the front lobby of Spring Street School this week. On behalf of Andy's Attic, THANK YOU!

## **Square One Art**

The order forms and stickers for Square One Art will be coming home in your child's backpack this week. Please make sure to check their bags in order to see the great work they have created and how/when you can place your order! Orders will be delivered in time for holiday gift giving.

## **Go Pink!**

On Thursday, Oct. 29, Spring Street will sponsor a Cancer Awareness Day to benefit the Ellie Fund. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink clothing and/or accessories to bring

awareness to cancer and those it affects. A \$1.00 donation is suggested. Thank you for your participation! <http://tinyurl.com/Spring-Go-Pink>

### **Candy Drive**

Each year, St. Anne's Parish collects food items for their Thanksgiving baskets to distribute to local families in need. As in the past, they will also be collecting candy to add to each basket. We would like to assist in their efforts to help our local community. Please send WRAPPED candy donations into school beginning on Monday, November 3rd. Excess Halloween candy works perfectly! There will be collection containers in the front entrance area. Thank you for your donations! Brought to you by the SSS Student Council.

### **After School Activity Program**

There are still a few spots in the after school "Introduction to iMovie" class.

The class is taught by Shrewsbury High School teacher, Tara Gauthier and uses our school iPads to make short films using the iMovie app. Ms. Gauthier ran some popular technology classes during the elementary summer enrichment program this year and is currently running the iMovie club at Paton. The club starts Wednesday, so click below to register today!

<http://goo.gl/forms/WR27Se365R> Questions? Contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, 508-841-8727 [kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

### **Coins for Construction, Thank You!**

Thank you to all of the Spring Street School students that participated in the PTO-sponsored Coin Drive by donating their coins to go towards the new Shrewsbury Public Library! This past week we brought in over \$741.61 at Spring Street School, and \$6800 across the district in all participating elementary and middle schools! Thank you for your generosity! Congratulations to Arpita Thomas, Nora Kurtz, Hisham Shaikh, and Evan Baxter for winning the raffle prizes!

### **From Previous Links**

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

If you haven't done so already, please be in touch with your child's teacher to schedule a conference. Most will be held on **Tues., Nov. 3**, which is a "no school" day for students. Childcare will be available in the gym for *school-aged children, for the duration of your conference(s)* from 8:00am and 3:00pm. We're looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you as well as continuing to foster a partnership with home/school to support your child's academic, emotional, and social growth.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair 10/26 - 11/4**

The Book Fair encourages children to read by allowing them to choose their own books, helps teachers build their classroom libraries, helps the PTO to provide enrichment activities and Media Center to obtain new materials. Please help make our Scholastic Book Fair a success by volunteering to help <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49ACAF29AB9-spring>  
Any questions please contact me [erin.ryan@alum.wpi.edu](mailto:erin.ryan@alum.wpi.edu)

### **Important Dates**

October 26-November 3, Book Fair at SSS

Tuesday, November 3, Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School

Wednesday, November 11, Veteran's Day, No School

Tuesday, November 17, PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm  
November 25-27, Thanksgiving Vacation  
Friday, December 4, Winter Craft Night  
Tuesday, December 8, Teacher Professional Development, Early Release (12:15pm)  
December 24-January 1, December Vacation  
Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School  
Tuesday, January 19, PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm  
Thursday, January 20, SSS Night at Skyzone  
Friday, January 22, Gift of Knowledge Celebration, 8:30-9:00am  
Tuesday, February 2, Teacher Professional Development, Early Release (12:15pm)  
February 15-19, President's Day/Winter Vacation

Have a good week.  
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